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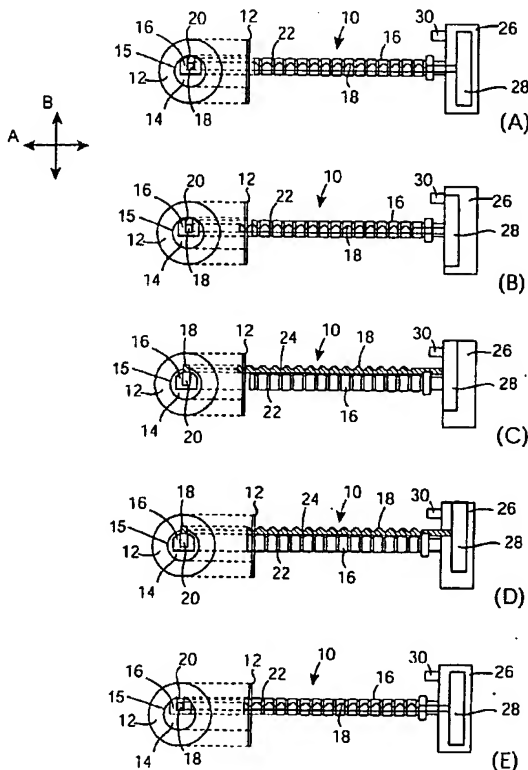
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(54) Title: AN OBJECT HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD



(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with both  
a method and an apparatus for handling objects, in particu-  
lar discs such as CD's or the like having an aperture therein  
defining a rim, the method comprising the steps of providing  
an elongate arm, and providing an elongate support adjacent  
the arm; extending the arm through the aperture of at least  
one of the discs; engaging the arm with the rim of the disc;  
retracting the arm such as to position the rim over the sup-  
port; and displacing the arm such that the rim is engaged by  
the support, and then repeating this sequence of steps in or-  
der to stack a plurality of the discs onto the support for sub-  
sequent transfer and unloading.